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SUBJECT: VOLUNTEER SPEAKER ON ECONOMICS: DR. JOHN POWELSON

1. DR. JOHN POWELSON, ECONOMICS PROFESSOR, UNIV. COLORADO, CURRENTLY ADVISOR TO KENYAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING, AVAILABLE AS VOL. SPKR. EARLY 1974. PROPOSED DATES ARE:

A) FEB 15 - MARCH 1 --- WEST AFRICA

B) MARCH 29 - APRIL 12 --- SOUTHERN AFRICA

POSTS RESPONSIBLE FOR PER DIEM AND SHARE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

2. POWELSON TOUGHT AT PITTSBURGH, JOHNS HOPKINS' SAIS AND HARVARD FROM WHICH HE RECEIVED A BA, MA, AND PH. D IN ECONOMICS. HIS SPECIALTIES ARE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THEORY, PLANNING THEORY AND POLICY, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTING, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND FOREIGN AID. MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS ARE: "THE INSTITUTIONS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH" (PRINCETON, 1972) AND "EMPLOYMENT IN AFRICA, SOME CRITICAL ISSUES" (CO-EDITOR FOR ILO GENEVA, 1973).

3. SUGGESTED LECTURE OR SEMINAR TOPICS ARE:

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A) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

B) U.S. TRADE POLICY TOWARD AFRICA

C) MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

IF OTHER TOPICS, I.E.FOREIGN INVESTMENT, ARE WANTED, THEY
SHOULD BE PROPOSED ASAP.

4. POWELSON LECTURED FOR USIS IN LATIN AMERICA. USIS MEXICO
WELCOMED A RETURN VISIT, AND REPORTED HIS LECTURE TECHNIQUE
IS VERY INFORMAL, PREFERRING A SHORT OPENING STATEMENT (20 MINUTES)
FOLLOWED BY DIALOGUE. HE IS MOST EFFECTIVE WITH SMALL GROUPS
WHERE IN DEPTH EXCHANGES POSSIBLE.

5. FOR MBABANE: PERMSEC ECON PLANNING, JAMES NXUMALO, IS FORMER
POWELSON STUDENT WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING HIM LECTURE
IN SWAZILAND.

6. SEND PREFERRED DATES AND LECTURE TOPICS TO ICS-ECONOMICS INFO
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